2025-26 STOSSEL IN THE CLASSROOM AI CHALLENGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can enter the AI Challenge?
The AI Challenge is open to high school students (grades 9–12) living in the U.S., Canada, or on U.S. military bases worldwide.

2. Can I enter this contest if I already entered another one?
Students who enter the AI Challenge may not enter the Essay Contest.

3. What are the approved AI tools for this contest?
You must use one of the following tools: **ChatGPT**, **Gemini**, or **Poe**. These platforms allow you to share a public link to your AI conversation, which is required for your submission.

4. Do I have to use a specific prompt?

You'll choose one of the three contest topics—**tariffs**, **birthright citizenship**, or **term limits**—and craft a question to start engaging with the AI tool.

5. How long should the AI conversation be?
There's no exact word count or turn limit, but your conversation should be long enough to demonstrate meaningful back-and-forth. You'll be judged on how deeply you engage with the topic—not how long the chat is.

6. What should I include in my reflection?
Your written reflection should be **500–750 words** and describe:

- Why you chose your topic
- What you learned about the topic and AI
- Where the AI was helpful—and where it wasn't
- How the back-and-forth shaped your own thinking

  [Review the Instructions and Reflection Questions](#)

7. How do I submit my entry?
You'll complete a short entry form, provide a **link to your public AI chat**, and upload your written reflection. All three parts are required.

8. What if I used an AI tool that doesn't allow link sharing?
Unfortunately, your submission won't be eligible. You must use **ChatGPT**, **Gemini**, or **Poe**—each of which allows you to create and share a public link to your chat.

9. Can I work with a partner or a group?
No. This challenge is designed for individual entries only. Your AI conversation and your reflection must be your own.

10. Can I edit my reflection after I submit it?
No. Once submitted, entries are final. Be sure to proofread and review all materials carefully before submitting.

11. Will the judges see my AI chat?
Yes. Your public link gives our judges full access to your chat transcript so they can evaluate your engagement with the topic.

12. What criteria will judges use to score entries?
Judges will look at how well you:

- Engage the AI in thoughtful back-and-forth
- Challenge assumptions and push for deeper insight
- Identify where the AI is vague, biased, or incomplete
- Reflect critically on how the conversation shaped your thinking
- Follow all rules and submission requirements

[View the Rubric](#)

13. When is the deadline?
All entries must be submitted by Jan 9 @ 11:59pm.